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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the substance from original claim 9, which is also supported by the original specification at page 22, lines 20 ff. Claim 1 has also been amended to require that the "FMVSS 302" is the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 302 in effect on the priority date of October 14, 2003. A certified translation of the German priority application is on file. The Examiner can confirm from a quick review of the claims at the end thereof that the German application does, indeed, also reference FMVSS 302. Consequently, the FMVSS 302 standard consistently referred to in this family of applications has been to FMVSS 302 in effect on the priority date.

Minor editorial changes have been made to some of the other claims. Applicants do not believe that any of the changes introduce new matter. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner provides a preferred arrangement of the specification and suggests Applicants' use thereof. In response, Applicants would prefer not to amend the specification to include the suggested headings and subheadings.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. According to the Examiner, "FMVSS 302" is indefinite as the standard changes periodically. In

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response, Applicants have amended claim 1 to fix the date of the version of FMVSS 302 that is relied on. Applicants respectfully submit that this moots the Examiner's objection.

For the Examiner's information, Applicants point out that a number of U.S. patents include claims that recite FMVSS. The following recite FMVSS 302: US 6,408,593; US 6,559,196; US 6,765,034; US 6,769,146 and US 7,309,666. Others, such as US 7,150,470, refer to a different FMVSS number in the claims, but also recite an effective date.

In short, Applicants respectfully submit that it is common in this art to recite FMVSS numbers in the claims and, therefore, the term is not indefinite. In any case, it is also known to recite the FMVSS number effective as of a certain date in the claims and this provides certainty about what standard is intended.

Claims 1-7 and 9-11 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakagawa et al. ("Nakagawa"), US 2001/0031355.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Nakagawa.

In response to both the anticipation rejection and the obviousness rejection, Applicants point out that the instant claims require that the foil have applied directly or indirectly to one or both sides "a layer of a *solvent-free* pressure-sensitive adhesive dispersion based on polyacrylate." It is clear from Nakagawa's paragraph [0092] that his acrylic adhesive is prepared "in a toluene solvent." Therefore, Nakagawa cannot anticipate or render obvious the instant claims.

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a bona fide response to all outstanding objections and rejections.

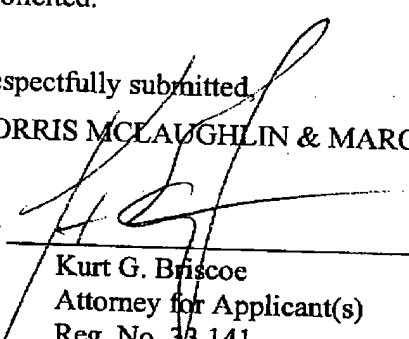
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Applicants also believe that this application is in condition for immediate allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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